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Virginia General Assembly
201 N. 9th Street
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RE: Annual Report on Organized Retail Crime Fund per § 2.2-511.2

Dear Members of the Virginia General Assembly:

I am writing to provide an annual report summarizing the activities of the Organized Retail Crime Fund (the "Fund"). This non-reverting Fund was established by Chapter 357 and Chapter 358 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, to be administered by the Attorney General solely for the purpose of awarding grants to attorneys for the Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies to investigate, indict, and prosecute organized retail theft and associated fraud and property crimes.

The Fund was established on July 1, 2023. No funding was provided for the Fund in Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly of 2023, Special Session I. Therefore, there has been no activity in the Fund. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) intends to place money recovered from seizures into the Fund for future grants.

The OAG has begun developing guidelines for the administration of the Fund along with the procurement process of securing a database to allow cooperation with law enforcement to address organized retail crime across the Commonwealth.

The Office of the Attorney General is committed to fighting organized retail crime by giving prosecutors and law enforcement agencies the necessary tools to hold perpetrators accountable. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason S. Miyares".

Jason S. Miyares
Attorney General of Virginia